

Connecticut Demographics

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Connecticut (2021)*

- ❖ Total foreign born population – 549,441
- ❖ 15.2% of the state's ~ 3.6 million people are foreign born
 - 56.3% naturalized citizens
 - 27% legal permanent residents (as of 2019)
 - 16.7% temporary visa holders or undocumented immigrants
- 48.5% rise in immigrant population from 2000 to 2021
- ❖ Length of time immigrants have lived in the U.S.
 - 46.4% entered before 1999
 - 25.7% entered 2000 - 2009
 - 27.9% since 2010
- ❖ 29% of children under age 18 have one or more immigrant parents
 - 87.3% of these children are native-born U.S. citizens

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (September, 2023) and Lawful Permanent Resident estimates MPI and DHS (2022)*

Connecticut– Countries/Regions of Origin & Limited English Proficiency (LEP)(2021)*

- ❖ Latin America – 46.1%
 - ❖ South America (15.8%)
 - ❖ Central America (11.4%)
 - ❖ Other Caribbean (10.8%)
 - ❖ Jamaica (8.1%)
- ❖ Europe – 22.3%
 - ❖ Other Eastern Europe (6.6%)
 - ❖ Southern Europe (5.1%)
 - ❖ Poland (4.8%)
- ❖ Asia – 21.6%
 - ❖ India (6.9%)
 - ❖ Southeastern Asia (5.2%)
 - ❖ China/Taiwan (5.2%)
- ❖ Africa – 5.2%
- ❖ Canada – 2.3%
- ❖ Middle East – 2.1%
- ❖ Oceania – 0.4%
- ❖ Language spoken
 - ❖ 22.8% of people in the state who speak a language other than English at home
 - ❖ 39.5% of foreign born persons are LEP - speak English less than “very well”

**Source: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub (September, 2023)*

Connecticut-Languages Spoken at Home (2021)*

- ❖ Spanish (422,645)
- ❖ Portuguese (38,318)
- ❖ Polish (34,320)
- ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (34,315)
- ❖ Italian (22,565)
- ❖ French (including Cajun) (18,990)
- ❖ Haitian (17,148)
- ❖ Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa (11,275)
- ❖ Hindi (11,275)
- ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (11,011)
- ❖ Arabic (9,377)
- ❖ Russian (9,932)
- ❖ Tamil (8,817)
- ❖ German (8,461)
- ❖ Vietnamese (7,636)
- ❖ Gujarati (6,897)
- ❖ Bengali (6,550)

* Source <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/CT> (September, 2023)

Connecticut-LEP (2021)*

- ❖ Limited English Proficiency (Speak English less than very well)
 - ❖ Naturalized citizens – 31.4%
 - ❖ Noncitizens – 50.1%
- ❖ Limited English Proficiency by language spoken at home
 - ❖ Vietnamese (63.3%)
 - ❖ Haitian (48.9%)
 - ❖ Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese) (48.7%)
 - ❖ Spanish (42.6%)
 - ❖ Portuguese (42.5%)
 - ❖ Polish (42.4%)
 - ❖ Arabic (42.1%)
 - ❖ Russian (42.1%)
 - ❖ Bengali (41.4%)
 - ❖ Tagalog (including Filipino) (33.8%)

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